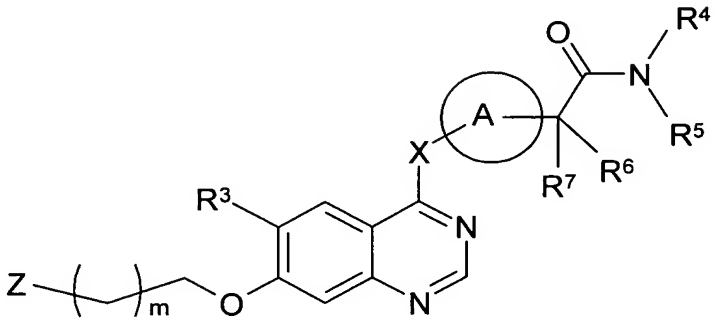
In the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listings of claims

1. (currently amended) A compound of formula (I):



formula (I)

wherein **A** is 5-membered heteroaryl containing a sulphur atom and optionally containing one or more nitrogen atoms;

X is O, S, S(O), $S(O)_2$ or NR^{14};

m is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

Z is a group selected from $-NR^1R^2$, phosphonooxy, C_{3-6}cycloalkyl which C_{3-6}cycloalkyl is substituted by phosphonooxy or C_{1-4}alkyl substituted by phosphonooxy, and a 4- to 7-membered ring linked via a carbon atom, containing a nitrogen atom and optionally containing a further nitrogen atom which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or partially saturated, wherein the ring is substituted on carbon or nitrogen by phosphonooxy or C_{1-4}alkyl substituted by phosphonooxy and wherein the ring is optionally further substituted on carbon or nitrogen by 1, 2 or 3 halo or C_{1-4}alkyl groups;

$\mathbf{R^1}$ is a group selected from $-COR^8$, $-CONR^8R^9$ and C_{1-6}alkyl which C_{1-6}alkyl is substituted by phosphonooxy and optionally further substituted by 1 or 2 halo or methoxy groups;

$\mathbf{R^2}$ is a group selected from hydrogen, $-COR^{10}$, $-CONR^{10}R^{11}$ and C_{1-6}alkyl which C_{1-6}alkyl is optionally substituted by 1, 2, or 3 halo or C_{1-4}alkoxy groups or $-S(O)_pR^{11}$ (where p is 0, 1 or 2) or phosphonooxy, or R^2 is a group selected from C_{2-6}alkenyl, C_{2-6}alkynyl, C_{3-6}cycloalkyl and C_{3-6}cycloalkylC_{1-4}alkyl;

or $\mathbf{R^1}$ and $\mathbf{R^2}$ together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 4- to 7- membered ring optionally containing a further nitrogen atom which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or partially saturated, wherein the ring is substituted on carbon or nitrogen, by a group selected from phosphonooxy and C_{1-4}alkyl which C_{1-4}alkyl is substituted by phosphonooxy or $-NR^8R^9$, and where the ring is optionally further substituted on carbon or nitrogen, by 1, 2 or 3 halo or C_{1-4}alkyl groups;

R^3 is a group selected from hydrogen, halo, cyano, nitro, C_{1-6}alkoxy, C_{1-6}alkyl, $-OR^{12}$, $-CHR^{12}R^{13}$, $-OC(O)R^{12}$, $-C(O)R^{12}$, $-NR^{12}C(O)R^{13}$, $-C(O)NR^{12}R^{13}$, $-NR^{12}SO_2R^{13}$ and $-NR^{12}R^{13}$;

R^4 is hydrogen or a group selected from C_{1-4}alkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylC_{1-4}alkyl, aryl and arylC_{1-4}alkyl which group is optionally substituted by 1, 2 or 3 ~~substitutents~~ substituents selected from halo, methyl, ethyl, cyclopropyl and ethynyl;

R^5 is a group selected from hydrogen, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{2-4}alkenyl, C_{2-4}alkynyl, C_{3-6}cycloalkyl and C_{3-6}cycloalkylC_{1-4}alkyl;

R^6 and R^7 are independently selected from hydrogen, halo, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{3-6}cycloalkyl, hydroxy and C_{1-4}alkoxy;

R^8 is C_{1-4}alkyl substituted by phosphonooxy and optionally further substituted by 1 or 2 halo or methoxy groups;

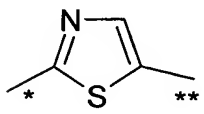
R^9 is a group selected from hydrogen or C_{1-4}alkyl;

R^{10} is a group selected from hydrogen and C_{1-4}alkyl which C_{1-4}alkyl is optionally substituted by halo, C_{1-4}alkoxy, $S(O)_q$ (where q is 0, 1 or 2) or phosphon<u>o</u>oxy;

R^{11}, R^{12}, R^{13} and R^{14} are independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-4}alkyl or heterocyclyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein A is a group of formula (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f):



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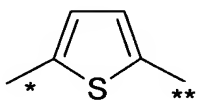

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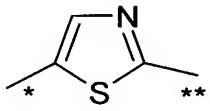

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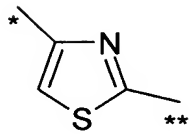

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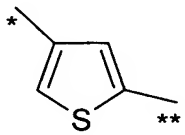

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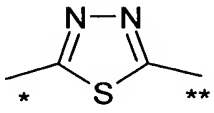

(f)

where * is the point of attachment to the X group of formula (I) and ** is the point of attachment to the (CR^6R^7) group of formula (I); or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3. (original) A compound according to claim 2 wherein A is a group of formula (a) as defined in claim 2; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

4. (currently amended) A compound[[s]] according to ~~any one of claims 1, 2 or 3~~ claim 1 wherein X is NH; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein Z is $-NR^1R^2$ or a 4- to 7-membered saturated ring linked via a carbon atom, containing a nitrogen atom, which ring is substituted on carbon or nitrogen by phosphonooxy or C_{1-4}alkyl substituted by phosphonooxy; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

6. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R^1 is C_{1-5}alkyl substituted by phosphonooxy and R^2 is hydrogen, 2-propynyl, methyl, ethyl, butyl, cyclopropyl, where the latter four groups are optionally substituted by fluoro, chloro, methoxy and ethoxy; or R^1 and R^2 together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a saturated 5- to 6-membered ring optionally containing a further nitrogen atom wherein the ring is substituted on carbon on nitrogen by a group selected from phosphonooxy, and C_{1-4}alkyl which C_{1-4}alkyl is substituted by phosphonooxy or $-NR^8R^9$ and where the ring is optionally further substituted on carbon or nitrogen, by 1 or 2 C_{1-4}alkyl groups; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

7. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R^3 is C_{1-4}alkoxy or hydrogen; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

8. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R^4 is phenyl optionally substituted by 1 or 2 of fluoro or chloro; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

9. (original) A compound selected from:
(1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((3-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)piperidin-4-yl)methyl dihydrogen phosphate;
((2*R*)-1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((3-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-(4-(3-((4-((5-(2-((3-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxy-quinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)piperazin-1-yl)ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((3-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)pyrrolidin-3-yl dihydrogen phosphate;

1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((3-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)piperidin-3-yl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-(ethyl(3-((4-((5-(2-((3-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)amino)ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
((2*S*)-1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((3-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-(ethyl(((2*S*)-1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((3-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl)amino)ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((3-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)piperidin-4-yl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-((((2*S*)-1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((3-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl)amino)ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-((3-((4-((5-(2-((3-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)amino)ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
3-(ethyl(3-((4-((5-(2-((3-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)amino)propyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-((2-fluoroethyl)(3-((4-((5-(2-((3-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)amino)ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-(1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((3-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)piperidin-4-yl)ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-((3-((4-((5-(2-((3-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)(2-methoxyethyl)amino)ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-((2S)-1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((3-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-((3-((4-((5-(2-((3-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)amino)-2-methylpropyl dihydrogen phosphate;
((2R)-1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((3-chlorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-(1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((3-chlorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)piperidin-4-yl)ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-(4-(3-((4-((5-(2-(3,5-difluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)piperazin-1-yl)ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-((3-((4-((5-(2-((3,5-difluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)(methyl)amino)ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
((2*S*)-1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((3,5-difluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl dihydrogen phosphate;

(1*R*)-2-((3-((4-((5-(2-((3,5-difluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)amino)-1-methylethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
((2R)-1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((3,4-difluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl dihydrogen phosphate;
((2S)-1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((3,4-difluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl dihydrogen phosphate;
1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((3,4-difluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)piperidin-4-ylmethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
(1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((2-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)piperidin-4-yl)methyl dihydrogen phosphate;
((2R)-1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((2-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl dihydrogen phosphate;
((2S)-1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((2-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-(ethyl(3-((4-((5-(2-((2-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)amino)ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-(1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((2-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)piperidin-2-yl)ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
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1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((2,3-difluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)piperidin-4-ylmethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-(4-(3-((4-((5-(2-((2,3-difluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)piperazin-1-yl)ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
3-((3-((4-((5-(2-((2,3-difluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)amino)-3-methylbutyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-((3-((4-((5-(2-((2,3-difluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)amino)-2-methylpropyl dihydrogen phosphate;

2-((3-((4-((5-(2-((2,3-difluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)amino)ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
((2R)-1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((2,5-difluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl dihydrogen phosphate;
((2S)-1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((2,5-difluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl)methyl dihydrogen phosphate;
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2-{cyclopropyl[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino]-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl]amino}ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-{cyclopropyl[3-({4-[(5-{2-[(2,3-difluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino]-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)propyl]amino}ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
(1-(2-((4-((5-(2-((2,3-difluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)ethyl)piperidin-4-yl)methyl dihydrogen phosphate;
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4-(ethyl(2-((4-((5-(2-((3-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)ethyl)amino)butyl dihydrogen phosphate;
2-(ethyl(2-((4-((5-(2-((3-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl)oxy)ethyl)amino)ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
(1-(3-((4-((5-(2-((3-fluorophenyl)amino)-2-oxoethyl)-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino)quinazolin-7-yl)oxy)propyl)piperidin-4-yl)methyl dihydrogen phosphate; and
2-{4-[({4-[(5-{2-[(3-fluorophenyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}-1,3-thiazol-2-yl)amino]-6-methoxyquinazolin-7-yl}oxy)methyl]piperidin-1-yl}ethyl dihydrogen phosphate;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

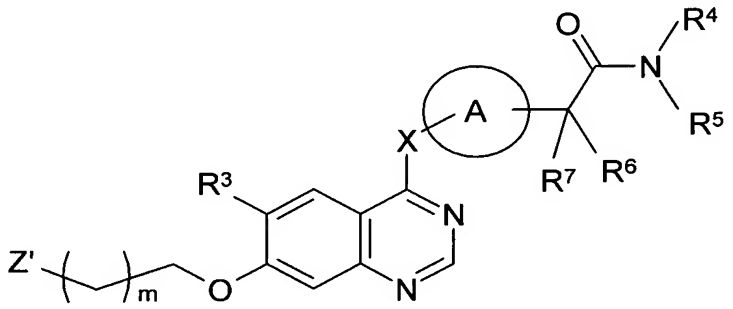
10. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.

11.-14. (cancelled)

15. (currently amended) A method of treating a human suffering from a disease in which the inhibition of one or more Aurora kinases is beneficial to the treatment, comprising the steps of administering to a person in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound ~~as defined in~~ according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

16. (currently amended) A method of treating a human suffering from colorectal, breast, lung, prostate, pancreatic or bladder and renal cancer or leukemias or lymphomas, comprising the steps of administering to a person in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound ~~as defined in~~ according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

17. (currently amended) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) ~~as defined in~~ according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, which process comprises converting a compound of formula (II) into a compound of formula (I) by phosphorylation of an appropriate hydroxy group:



formula (II)

where A, X, m, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7 and R^9 are as defined for formula (I); **Z'** is a group selected from $-NR^{1'}R^{2'}$, hydroxy, C_{3-6}cycloalkyl which C_{3-6}cycloalkyl is substituted by hydroxy or C_{1-4}alkyl ~~substitutent~~ substituted by hydroxy, and a 4- to 7-membered ring linked via a carbon atom, containing a nitrogen atom and optionally containing a further nitrogen atom which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or partially saturated, wherein the ring is substituted on carbon or nitrogen by hydroxy or C_{1-4}alkyl ~~substitutent~~ substituted by hydroxy, and wherein the ring is optionally further substituted by 1, 2 or 3 halo or C_{1-4}alkyl groups; and **$R^{1'}$** is $-COR^{8'}$, $-CONR^{8'}R^9$ or C_{1-6}alkyl which C_{1-6}alkyl is substituted by hydroxy and optionally

further substituted on carbon or nitrogen by 1 or 2 halo or methoxy groups; $\mathbf{R^{2'}}$ is hydrogen, -COR^{10}, –$CONR^{10}R^{11}$, C_{1-6}alkyl which C_{1-6}alkyl is optionally substituted by 1, 2, or 3 halo or C_{1-4}alkoxy groups or –$S(O)_pR^{11}$ (where p is 0, 1 or 2) or hydroxy, C_{2-6}alkenyl, C_{2-6}alkynyl, C_{3-6}cycloalkyl and C_{3-6}cycloalkylC_{1-4}alkyl; or $\mathbf{R^{1'}}$ and $\mathbf{R^{2'}}$ together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 4- to 7- membered ring optionally containing a further nitrogen atom which may be saturated, unsaturated or partially saturated, wherein the ring is substituted on carbon or nitrogen by a group selected from hydroxy and C_{1-4}alkyl substituted by hydroxy or –$NR^{8'}R^9$ and where the ring is optionally further substituted on carbon or nitrogen by 1, 2 or 3 halo or C_{1-4}alkyl groups; and where $\mathbf{R^{8'}}$ is C_{1-4}alkyl substituted by hydroxy and optionally further substituted by 1 or 2 halo or methoxy groups:

and thereafter if necessary:

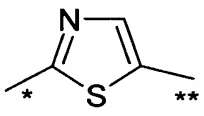
i) converting a compound of the formula (I) into another compound of the formula (I); and/or

ii) removing any protecting groups; ~~and/or~~ and/or

iii) forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

18. (new) The method according to claim 15 wherein Aurora kinase is Aurora-A kinase or Aurora-B kinase.

19. (new) A compound according to claim 1 wherein **A** is a group of formula (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f):



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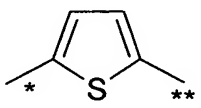

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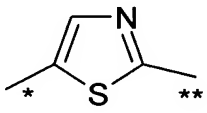

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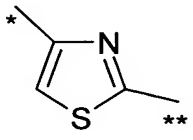

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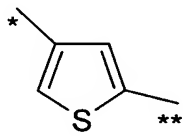

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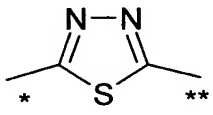


(f)

where * is the point of attachment to the X group of formula (I) and ** is the point of attachment to the (CR^6R^7) group of formula (I);

X is NH;

m is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

Z is $-NR^1R^2$ or a 4- to 7-membered saturated ring linked via a carbon atom, containing a nitrogen atom, which ring is substituted on carbon or nitrogen by phosphonooxy or C_{1-4}alkyl substituted by phosphonooxy;

$\mathbf{R^1}$ is C_{1-5}alkyl substituted by phosphonooxy and $\mathbf{R^2}$ is hydrogen, 2-propynyl, methyl, ethyl, butyl, cyclopropyl, where the latter four groups are optionally substituted by fluoro, chloro, methoxy and ethoxy; or $\mathbf{R^1}$ and $\mathbf{R^2}$ together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a saturated 5- to 6-membered ring optionally containing a further nitrogen atom wherein the ring is substituted on carbon on nitrogen by a group selected from phosphonooxy, and C_{1-4}alkyl which C_{1-4}alkyl is substituted by phosphonooxy or $-NR^8R^9$ and where the ring is optionally further substituted on carbon or nitrogen, by 1 or 2 C_{1-4}alkyl groups;

$\mathbf{R^3}$ is C_{1-4}alkoxy or hydrogen;

$\mathbf{R^4}$ is phenyl optionally substituted by 1 or 2 of fluoro or chloro;

$\mathbf{R^5}$ is a group selected from hydrogen, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{2-4}alkenyl, C_{2-4}alkynyl, C_{3-6}cycloalkyl and C_{3-6}cycloalkylC_{1-4}alkyl;

$\mathbf{R^6}$ and $\mathbf{R^7}$ are independently selected from hydrogen, halo, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{3-6}cycloalkyl, hydroxy and C_{1-4}alkoxy;

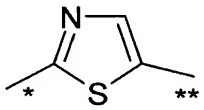
$\mathbf{R^8}$ is C_{1-4}alkyl substituted by phosphonooxy and optionally further substituted by 1 or 2 halo or methoxy groups;

$\mathbf{R^9}$ is a group selected from hydrogen or C_{1-4}alkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20. (new) A compound according to claim 1 wherein:

A is a group of formula (a)



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where * is the point of attachment to the X group of formula (I) and ** is the point of attachment to the (CR^6R^7) group of formula (I);

X is NH;

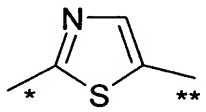
m is 0, 1 or 2;

Z is $-NR^1R^2$ or a 4- to 7-membered saturated ring linked via a carbon atom, containing a nitrogen atom, which ring is substituted on carbon or nitrogen by phosphonooxy or C_{1-4}alkyl substituted by phosphonooxy;

$\mathbf{R^1}$ is C_{1-5}alkyl substituted by phosphonooxy;

R^2 is a group selected from hydrogen and C_{1-4}alkyl which C_{1-4}alkyl is optionally substituted by halo or C_{1-4}alkoxy, or R^2 is a group selected from C_{3-6}cycloalkyl or C_{3-6}cycloalkylC_{1-4}alkyl;
R^3 is C_{1-4}alkoxy or hydrogen;
R^4 is phenyl optionally substituted by 1 or 2 of fluoro or chloro;
R^5 is hydrogen or methyl; and
R^6 and R^7 are independently hydrogen, fluoro, chloro or methyl;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

21. (new) A compound according to claim 1 wherein:
A is a group of formula (a)



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where * is the point of attachment to the X group of formula (I) and ** is the point of attachment to the (CR^6R^7) group of formula (I);
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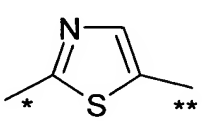
Z is $-NR^1R^2$ or a 4- to 7-membered saturated ring linked via a carbon atom, containing a nitrogen atom, which ring is substituted on carbon or nitrogen by phosphonooxy or C_{1-4}alkyl substituted by phosphonooxy;
R^1 is C_{1-5}alkyl substituted by phosphonooxy;
R^2 is hydrogen, 2-propynyl, methyl, ethyl, butyl, cyclopropyl, where the latter four groups are optionally substituted by fluoro, chloro, methoxy and ethoxy ;
R^3 is hydrogen;
R^4 is phenyl optionally substituted by 1 or 2 of fluoro or chloro;
R^5 is hydrogen or methyl; and
R^6 and R^7 are independently hydrogen, fluoro, chloro or methyl;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

22. (new) A compound according to claim 1 wherein:
A is a group of formula (a)



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where * is the point of attachment to the X group of formula (I) and ** is the point of attachment to the (CR^6R^7) group of formula (I);

X is NH;

m is 1, 2 or 3;

Z is $-NR^1R^2$ or a 4- to 7-membered saturated ring linked via a carbon atom, containing a nitrogen atom, which ring is substituted on carbon or nitrogen by phosphonooxy or C_{1-4}alkyl substituted by phosphonooxy;

R^1 and R^2 together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a saturated 5- to 6-membered ring optionally containing a further nitrogen atom wherein the ring is substituted on carbon or nitrogen, by a group selected from phosphonooxy, and C_{1-4}alkyl which C_{1-4}alkyl is substituted by phosphonooxy or $-NR^8R^9$ and where the ring is optionally further substituted on carbon or nitrogen, by 1 or 2 C_{1-4}alkyl groups;

R^3 is C_{1-4}alkoxy or hydrogen;

R^4 is phenyl optionally substituted by 1 or 2 of fluoro or chloro;

R^5 is hydrogen or methyl; and

R^6 and R^7 are independently hydrogen, fluoro, chloro or methyl;

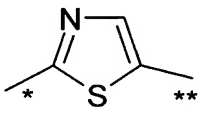
R^8 is 2-phosphonooxyethyl; and

R^9 is hydrogen, methyl or ethyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

23. (new) A compound according to claim 1 wherein:

A is a group of formula (a)



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Z is $-NR^1R^2$ or a 4- to 7-membered saturated ring linked via a carbon atom, containing a nitrogen atom, which ring is substituted on carbon or nitrogen by phosphonooxy or C_{1-4}alkyl substituted by phosphonooxy;

R^1 and R^2 together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a piperidine, pyrrolidine or piperazine ring which is substituted by a group selected from phosphonooxy, phosphonooxymethyl, 2-phosphonooxyethyl and *N*-ethyl-*N*-(2-

phosphonooxyethyl)aminomethyl and *N*-(2-phosphonooxyethyl)aminomethyl and where the ring is optionally further substituted by 1 or 2 methyl;

R^3 is hydrogen;

R^4 is phenyl optionally substituted by 1 or 2 of fluoro or chloro;

R^5 is hydrogen or methyl; and

R^6 and R^7 are independently hydrogen, fluoro, chloro or methyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

24. (new) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 9 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier.